

In re Application of HUDIS et al.  
Serial No. 10/076,166

### REMARKS

The Office action has been carefully considered. The Office action rejected claims 1-20, 23-29, and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,764,955 to Doolan ("Doolan"). Further, the Office action rejected claims 35 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Information Brokering in an Agent Architecture" by Martin et al. ("Martin"). Still further, the Office action rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doolan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,327 to Brandt ("Brandt"). The Office action objected to claim 5 for having an incorrect dependency. Claims 30 and 37 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, the Office action indicated that claims 39-43 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 39-43 are allowed and indicating that the subject matter recited in claims 30 and 37 is allowable. By present amendment, claims 1-27, 30, 32-34, 36 and 37 have been canceled and claims 28 and 35 have been amended.

Claim 28 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 30, and claim 30 was canceled as duplicative. Claim 35 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 37 and intervening claim 36, and claims 36 and 37 were canceled as duplicative. Applicants submit that all the pending claims now include the allowable subject matter indicated.

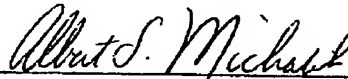
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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 28-29, 31, 35, and 38-43 are patentable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

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